BEP CONNECTION

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THE BUREAU EXHIBITS IN ANNANDALE, VIRGINIA

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing will exhibit at the 41st Annual Virginia Numismatic Association Convention, October 1-3, 1999. The event will take place at the Community Cultural Center, on the campus of the Northern Virginia Community College in Annandale, Virginia.

The Bureau will display its Billion Dollar Exhibit. The exhibit is composed of sheets of currency no longer printed or issued, such as Treasury bonds and gold and silver certificates, totaling more than a billion dollars.

A Bureau technical expert on currency will be present to explain the agency's activities to the public. A souvenir card commemorating the show will not be issued, however, uncut sheets of currency, low serial number products and other souvenirs will be available for purchase.

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BUREAU SOUVENIR CARD WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE PHILADELPHIA NATIONAL STAMP EXHIBITION

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing will participate at the Philadelphia National Stamp Exhibition on October 1-3, 1999 at the Fort Washington Convention Center, Fort Washington, Pennsylvania.

SOUVENIR CARD

The 1999 souvenir card theme "Celebrating the Turn of the Century" represents documentary and proprietary revenue stamps used on documents and product containers to prove that taxes had been paid. These stamps are some of the most imaginative designs engraved and printed by the Bureau.

Some of the names of the companies or products associated with these special stamps were Johnson & Johnson, Bromo-Seltzer and Fletcher's Castoria. The lettering on the Bromo-Seltzer Stamp is thought to be the smallest legible lettering completed by Bureau engravers.

The four proprietary stamps on this souvenir card are: 1 ¼ Cent Dr. William's Pink Pills, Miscellaneous Die # 5067, engraved in 1899 by Lyman F. Ellis and Marcus W. Baldwin.

1 ¼ Cent Fletcher's Castoria, Miscellaneous Die # 4793, engraved in 1899 by Douglas S. Ronaldson and Edward M. Hall. W.F. Lutz engraved the cycloid ruling

5/8 Cent Bromo-Seltzer, Miscellaneous Die # 5313, engraved in 1900 by Robert H. Warren, Louis S. Schofield and Lyman F. Ellis.

1/8 Cent J. Ellwood Lee, Miscellaneous Die #5302, engraved in 1900 by Lyman F. Ellis and Louis S. Schofield.

DID YOU KNOW?

Congratulations to Mr. Tom Conner of Olive Beach, Mississippi winner of an 8 subject $2 currency sheet. He added his name to our customer mailing list at the International Paper Money Show in June 18-20.

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) will print twelve vignette cards for the year 2000 one each month. The first day of sale will be the first business day of the month.

Calendar of Events

VIRGINIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION
Community Cultural Center
Northern Virginia Community College
Annandale, Virginia
October 1-3, 1999

PHILADELPHIA NATIONAL STAMP EXHIBITION
Fort Washington Expo Center
Fort Washington, Pennsylvania
October 1-3, 1999

BALTIMORE COIN SHOW
Baltimore Convention Center
Baltimore, Maryland
November 12-14, 1999

EXHIBITS

Bureau's activities at the Philadelphia National Stamp Exhibition will include a display of many historically significant and rare postage stamps. A Bureau technical expert on stamps will be present to explain the agency's activities to the public.

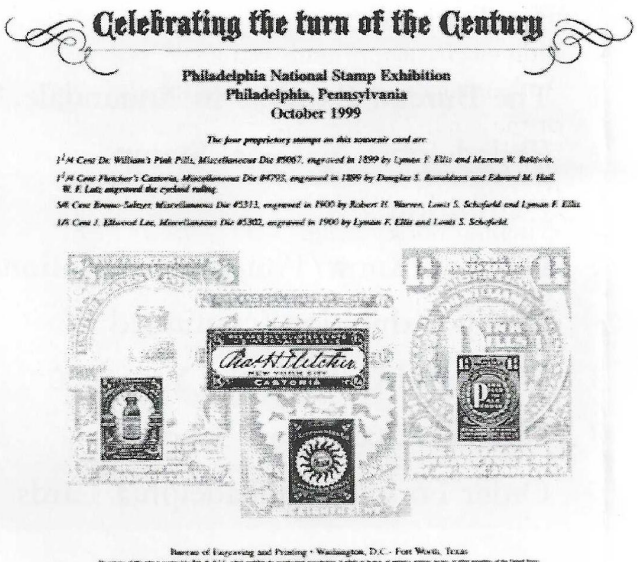
PURCHASING INSTRUCTIONS

A mail order form for the Philadelphia souvenir cards is included. The cards, # 99018 mint and # 99019 post office cancelled, are included in the standard subscription orders.

You may order either mint or cancelled cards two weeks before the first day of sale. Both mint or cancelled cards may be purchased at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing's Visitors Center in Washington, D.C., starting October 1. Mint cards are available at the exhibit site.

Over-the-counter prices are $5.00 for mint and $5.50 for post office cancelled cards. As long as supplies last, souvenir cards released for sale in 1999 will remain on sale until December 31, 1999.

The size of the Philadelphia souvenir card is 8" x 10".



Wonderful Gifts for the Year 2000

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) developed a number of innovative collectible products based on the New Series $20 banknote, first issued on September 24, 1998. These unique products have attracted strong interest from collectors, investors and corporations and people just waiting to obtain a piece of American currency history. Descriptions of the products follow:

Premium Federal Reserve Set

At $695, this unique product is limited to just 2,000 worldwide. It contains one new 1996 series $20 note from each of the 12 Federal Reserve Banks with all 12 containing the same serial numbers. This is the first time that the BEP has offered $20 notes with such low serial numbers. The Federal Reserve Set is professionally bound into a 24-page book, and each note is protected with an acid-free polymer sleeve. The following highlights the most unique features:

- A matched serial number set of new 1996 series $20 notes - one from each of the 12 Federal Reserve Banks.
- Lowest publicly available serial numbers commencing with 00000301A.
- Packaging that contains design images taken from the $20 note engravings.
- Individually hand numbered Certificate of Authenticity with the signatures of the Treasurer of the United States and the Director of the BEP.
- Professionally bound book of 24 pages with matching book sleeve.

Premium Historical Portfolio

At $135, this collectible product is limited to just 10,000 worldwide. It contains one new 1996 series $20 note (issued September 24, 1998) with a low serial number and one of the last previous series $20 notes, printed December 1997. The portfolio contains two notes accessible via removable protective acid-free polymer insert. Some of the major features of this product are:

- The new series $20 note contains the lowest serial numbers available to the public.
- The packaging contains design images taken from the engravings for the $20 note.
- Contains a Certificate of Authenticity with the signatures of the Treasurer of the United States and the Director of the BEP.
- Contains one of the last previous series 1995 $20 notes, printed in December 1997.
- Prestige packaging and sleeve using quality materials and the latest acid-free protection for the individual banknotes.

Deluxe Single Note

At $35, this product is a single low serial number $20 note which is limited to 70,000 worldwide. Some of the major features of this product are:

- An uncirculated 1996 new design $20 note with the lowest available serial number.
- Packaging which contains design images taken from the $20 note engravings.
- Quality folder and sleeve with the latest acid-free protection for the individual banknote.

The Year 2000 BEP Show Schedule

1st Day of Sale	Show	Location
1/6-9	Florida United Numismatists (FUN)	Orlando, Florida
1/21-23	Greater Houston Coin Club	Houston, Texas
2/4-6	Graphics of America	Miami, Florida
6/2-4	NAPEX Philatelic	Tysons Corner, Virginia
6/16-18	International Paper Money Show (IPMS)	Memphis, Tennessee
7/7-16	World Stamp Expo	Anaheim, California
8/9-13	American Numismatic Association (ANA)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
10/5-8	Long Beach Coin & Collectibles Expo	Long Beach, California

PURCHASING INFORMATION

Order should be addressed to:

Bureau of Engraving and Printing
Mail Order Sales, Room 515M
14th and C Streets, SW
Washington, DC 20228

Telephone: (800) 456-3408 (7:30a.m. to 7:30p.m. EST)
(202) 874-3315 (Washington, D.C. Area)

Fax: (888) 891-7585 (24 hours)
(202) 874-1788 (Washington, D.C. Area)

If you have signed up for the Bureau of Engraving and Printing's 1999 Souvenir Card Subscription Service you will receive the Philadelphia Card(s) as part of that service.

DESCRIPTION	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Philadelphia # 99018 Mint Souvenir Card	$6.50	_____	_____
Philadelphia # 99019 U.S. Postal Service(POC) Cancelled Souvenir Card	$7.00	_____	_____
		Total	_____

Please make checks payable to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. DO NOT SEND CASH.

Method of Payment

__ Check __ Money Order __ Master Card __ Visa __ Discover __ American Express

Credit Card Number

Expiration Date
Month Year

Signature:_____

____Check here for address correction.

Name:_____ Customer #:_____

Address:_____

City:_____ State:_____ Zip Code:_____

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The Bureau of Engraving and Printing's
Year 2000 Souvenir Card Subscription Service
"Highlights of the Century"

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing's (BEP) is pleased to announce the Year 2000 souvenir card subscription service for mint souvenir cards. This year's series "Highlights of the Century" will feature a total of twelve souvenir cards. The cards will reflect engravings of events or individuals that had a significant effect on the United States of America during the 1900's. Post Office cancelled souvenir cards will not be offered.

In the past, BEP would create souvenir cards to commemorate the majority of the shows it attended. The Year 2000 souvenir cards will not be in conjunction with any show. BEP will mail out a different souvenir card the first working day of each month. The card is 6x9 inches and is accompanied by a 5x8-inch narrative.

The Mail Order Sales Office will accept orders for subscription services through December 31, 2000, or while supplies last . Anyone who wishes to participate in the Year 2000 subscription service should complete the order form below and return it with payment.

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NUMBER	SUBSCRIPTION QUANTITY	PRICE	TOTAL
20200	12 Mint Souvenir Cards _____	$75.00	_____

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